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Towns discuss options for regional policing

BY JOSH SKAPIN AND
SYLVIA COLE
Review Staff

Area mayors met with RCMP officials to discuss a regional policing revamp.

Mayors and municipal representatives from Carstairs, Cremona, Didsbury, Crossfield, Mountain View County and Olds listened to an RCMP presentation at Carstairs Memorial Arena May 26.

Southern Alberta district management inspector Joe McGeough discussed the results of a regional RCMP format implemented in the Crowsnest Pass, Pincher

Creek, and Piikani area.

What the RCMP found was that the model can provide enhanced service at a lowered financial impact.

One way that regional policing may bring savings is through reducing the number of detachments being built within a small area. When an urban centre reaches a population of 5,000 people, it is obligated to pay for policing.

"We hope we don't hit the magic mark yet so we don't have to transition into this in two years," said mayor Brian Wittal who said the population of Didsbury is getting close to 5,000.

He wasn't at the meeting Thursday night but said he's ready to sit down with surrounding communities to discuss strategies for reducing costs.

"At the end of the day we're looking at how we can reduce costs per capita by being more efficient with it."

Roy Brown, CAO who attended the event was told costs could be cut by 27 per cent with regionalized policing.

"Once upon a time, many more communities in Alberta than there are today, had detachments. Wherever they are within a

close proximity, we have looked at an amalgamation," said Inspector Glenn De Goeij of the "K" Division operations strategy branch during the meeting.

"It's about, how do we maximize the policing resources in this area to meet the needs of all citizens they serve, without having (a detachment) in Olds, and one in Didsbury and one in Crossfield and one in Carstairs."

One option would be establishing satellite offices in towns that border a detachment. Members would check in

and pick up their patrol car at the detachment and then serve their shift in the town.

"A storefront office could be, if you have a spare office in your town hall, we could come in and get high-speed Internet that we would hook up. When we leave there would be no security issues because it would just be a high-speed Internet line and we would take our computer with us," said superintendent district commander for the southern Alberta district, Randy McGinnis, adding that the cost related to such a setup

would be minimal.

"If you wanted a storefront office with interview rooms and all that, there would be more costs with that. It depends on what your expectations are. The hardest thing about a storefront office is managing the expectations of everyone."

McGinnis believes that regionalized policing would build off of the cooperative work already being done in the area.

"None of the rezoning concepts will work unless the communities have that connection already and you guys have that," he said.

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PRETTY IN PINK Olivia Douglas tries her hand at the hula hoop during the Didsbury Community Pride event on May 27. For more coverage, see p2.

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Marz decides to call it a career

BY PAUL FREY
Review Staff

Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills MLA Richard Marz has decided to retire from public life after more than 30 years in both provincial and municipal politics.

"I have decided to retire from politics, and, therefore, will not be seeking re-election in the next provincial election, which may be in the spring of 2012. I will continue as your MLA until that time," he said in a statement.

"The reason for announcing now is to provide ample

time for anyone who wishes to seek the nomination, to use the summer events to get out and meet the people of Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills and for the people to become familiar with all the candidates prior to a nomination that will be held sometime this autumn," he said.

Marz went on to credit the board of directors of the constituency association, members of his various campaign teams and the constituents of the riding for their support.

"Because of you, our organization is stronger in

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RICHARD MARZ
MLA, Olds, Didsbury, Three Hills

all aspects than it has ever been," he said.

Dave Hogarth, president of the Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills constituency association, said Marz has been an asset to the entire area.

"He's done a lot of great

things since he got into office when you look at all the infrastructure, between the schools and buildings and everything else that's been built in his term. We're certainly going to miss him. He's been a good

ambassador for this part of the province and hopefully we'll have somebody just as good to replace him," he said.

Hogarth said he wasn't sure on the timing of any race to replace Marz. He said a lot of those details would be determined, in part, by who steps forward. Hogarth said the race to replace Premier Ed Stelmach later this year would also be a factor in that process.

Marz served on numerous provincial committees during his tenure, including the Agendas and Priorities

Committee, Cabinet Policy Committee on the Economy and the Standing Committee on Finance and Intergovernmental Relations, among a host of others.

Marz was first elected to the legislature in 1997 and served four terms. Prior to that, he served 16 years in municipal politics, elected in 1980 as a councillor for Kneehill County. During his time on county council, Marz also served as deputy reeve and reeve.

Marz is a former member of the Calgary police, joining the force in 1969.



Noel West/Didsbury Review

RACING AROUND - Didsbury Community Pride event brought out close to 300 people despite rainy weather that fell in the days preceding the event. "Mother nature cooperated just in time. It couldn't have worked out better than it did," said Nicole Aasen, manager of community services. The event, meant to build community pride and spirit, was planned as an outdoor street party and dance. When the rain clouds loomed all week, the town set up tents early Friday morning to keep the event alive. Half the expected amount turned out for the event but Aasen said based off positive feedback, the town will likely run the event again next year. The creation of the Didsbury Pride campaign and committee came after town council identified a need to build community pride and spirit in their strategic plan that was created last December. Another event will run June 6 at the Didsbury Neighborhood Place at 7:30. The event will focus on how to create a block party and how to help neighbours with shovelling during the winter.



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Carstairs soldier remembered

BY JOSH SKAPIN
Didsbury Review

Those who knew Master Cpl. Richard Curnow called news of his passing heartbreaking.

The 25-year-old Carstairs native had been missing since disappearing during a 10-km training run with fellow soldiers in Edmonton's Emily Murphy Park May 5. His disappearance resulted in searches by police, military and volunteers.

Police have confirmed that a body found near Redwater May 22, is that of Curnow. Multiple media outlets have since reported that authorities believe Curnow's death was a result of accidental drowning.

Curnow served two tours of service in Afghanistan, working with the Counter Improvised Explosive Device Task Force. Among his many return visits to Carstairs, Curnow was a proud participant in last year's Remembrance Day Ceremony.

"We've known the young man for a number of years," said Carstairs Legion first vice-president Marty Ratz.

"He was just a really great guy. A really decent, down-to-earth young

man.

"We're very saddened to hear what's happened to Richard. He certainly was a cheerful, fun-loving guy."



Going forward, the Carstairs Legion will be offering its support to Richard's parents, Glenn and Susan.

"From the branch's perspective, we will do anything to support Glenn and Susan in their grief and we will certainly be reaching out to them but we will also be respecting their privacy," he added.

"It will be their choice what role we'll play."

Hugh Sutherland School teacher Colin Olthof said he remembers Curnow from his time as a student at the school.

"He was always a very polite, kind individual," Olthof said, admitting that while he didn't know

Curnow well, he was impressed by how personable he was.

"He was in the school for Remembrance Day just last November and he made a point of coming down and talking to me," Olthof said.

"He told me about how he was enjoying being a father because he had a little three-year-old daughter. I have a daughter the same age. We talked about that a lot and just how happy and proud he was to be a father. It makes it pretty heartbreaking to hear this news."

Since news of his passing, the Facebook group Richard Curnow Memorial has been started. Those who knew Curnow or were just touched by his story have flocked to the group, posting memories and messages of condolences, including this wall posting. "Never in my life have I met a person of whom I have not one single less than marvelous memory of... that was, until the day Richard Curnow stepped foot into my life. At heavens gates you will forever stand guard in the way only you know how, as an Angel. Thank you for being what every single one of us wishes we were!"

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Society hunts for fireworks funds

BY SYLVIA COLE
Review Staff

Didsbury's Ag Society wants to keep the thunder alive during its rodeo kick-off, but needs more money to keep the show from fizzling out.

So far, the society has collected \$1,500 towards the \$12,000 price tag for the annual fireworks show, Thunder on the Prairies.

"The Thunder on the Prairies fireworks show is a huge part of the weekend," said Craig Anderson, president of the Didsbury Ag Society in a prepared statement. "Due to some changes to sponsorship rules, we lost a lot of our funding this year. We need to raise enough money to continue the show or a lot

of people are going to be disappointed and our entire community will miss out on a great show," he said.

The show kicks off the rodeo weekend and lasts close to half an hour, said events coordinator Lorna Richmond. "People come from all over and will come just to that," she said of the free event.

The Household Goods Thrift Store had sponsored the event in the past but after becoming aware of recent changes in a charity tax law it was no longer able to donate.

So far, the society has received money from the Lions and from a few other groups, but the dollars aren't adding up.

A new event, the Ag-maz-

ing race, was dreamt up this year as a way to raise money for the fireworks but not enough people signed up and the event had to be cancelled.

"It was sort of like The Amazing Race on a smaller scale. It would be for the one day with different events and they'd have to race to and then do challenges for different things," explained Lisa Bastarache, media relations for the society.

She said other funding ideas have been explored, including a 50/50 draw that ran last week. They raised \$950 with half going to winner Paul Wright of Calgary.

"We have applied to grants but most have to be used for renovations and



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Sharon Wadel draws the winning ticket with Craig Anderson, president of the Ag Society. The draw raised \$475 towards the annual Thunder on the Prairies.

can't be used for a one-time thing," she said.

The society will continue to look for sponsors for the fireworks. The FCA Rodeo and Fair will be held at the rodeo grounds this August 19 and 20.

Wellness challenge completes second year

BY SYLVIA COLE
Review Staff

The Wellness Challenge, that finished last week, caught the attention of 105 people from Didsbury and Carstairs including a 10-year-old kid.

"He was very welcome to come," explained mom Hetty Sissons of her son Michael. "I think kids would find an interest in this, especially the info session," she explained. She sees an importance on teaching children about health and wellness and brought him along every week. Like every participant, Michael

got a pedometer and wore it every day. He said the highest amount of steps he'd get in one day would be between 18- and 19,000. "It was especially neat when he has gym and soccer in the same day. There were lots of steps that would add up."

The challenge, launched by Primary Health Network, has participants from Carstairs and Didsbury listen in on seminars about healthy eating, fitness and stress, while encouraging them to get active and eat right. People can earn points for prizes, depending on how well they do.

Kerry Hogg cleaned up at

the windup, placing for the most weight and inches lost. She took home a gift certificate to Sport Chek, a foot spa and a water filter.

"I'm really surprised I came first," she said of her first year trying the challenge. "The best part for me was when the dietician came and showed us what to look for on labels—it really made sense," she said.

The eight-week Wellness Challenge finished last week, and coordinator Margaret Baril said people were still looking for more.

"People were saying it was too short. With the first week for registration and

the last week the windup, it ends up being about six weeks," she explained. This year they had tailored the program back from last year's 10-week course that ended with a triathlon and a cook-off challenge. It had gone too far into the summer weeks and people were starting to filter out as the warmer weather started up.

"We are hoping to do this again next year," said Baril of the challenge. She said they'll take in the feedback about the length of the course and anything else they hear to apply to changes for next year.

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Opinion

Editorial STI strategy better late than never

DAN SINGLETON



The Stelmach government's newly-announced five-year plan to tackle sexually transmitted infections (STI) in Alberta communities is good news for the province.

And although the opposition parties have been quick to call the plan a good deal late in coming, if it is successful in reducing cases of infections that can be not only life-changing but in some case life-threatening, it should be applauded as a very positive step forward.

The Alberta Sexually Transmitted Infections and Blood Borne Pathogens Strategy and Action Plan's targets include eliminating all cases of congenital syphilis and reducing infectious syphilis from 7.7 to 5.8 per 100,000 residents; cutting gonorrhea cases from 43.8 to 40 per 100,000; and reducing all cases of HIV and hepatitis.

The plan will focus on a number of principal goals, including increasing prevention, improving early detection and diagnosis; enhancing management and control, and strengthening support and counselling services for those infected.

Health Minister Gene Zwozdesky pulls no punches when he calls Alberta's sexually transmitted disease situation troubling.

"The rates of STI in Alberta are the highest in Canada and that's just unacceptable," said Zwozdesky. "Therefore we are taking aggressive and coordinated action on this very serious public health issue."

Dr. Gerry Predy, Alberta's Senior Medical Officer of Health, adds: "STI rates are a problem across all zones and communities" in Alberta.

The opposition Liberals say while the new strategy is certainly needed, the Stelmach government has dragged its feet on addressing the STI situation in Alberta for far too long.

"Years ago this government allowed prevention programs to stagnate, increasing human suffering and costs to the health-care system," said Liberal leader Dr. David Swann.

"Once again, government mismanagement has had a tremendous impact on the health of Albertans. Had the government not dismissed those four key doctors, had they actually implemented their original plan, perhaps those babies wouldn't have died, and perhaps the others would have been born healthy instead of with crippling birth defects."

Alberta Health will spend \$12 million to implement the strategy and action plan, including increasing the number of prevention coordinators.

As well, the new campaign will include a \$2-million provincewide awareness campaign aimed at educating Albertans about the dangers and risks of syphilis, HIV and other sexually transmitted illnesses.

This new strategy and action plan is probably a little late in coming – considering the fact that Alberta hasn't always had higher rates of sexually transmitted diseases than the national average – but it is a move in the right direction and a positive proactive health initiative.

Now it's up to Albertans to take the safe sex message to heart.

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Commentary

Costly deals hurting schools

BY MARK MILKE

It's been a tough spring for parents, teachers and ultimately students in Alberta's education system. Headlines about budget cuts and possible increased fees are an unfortunate way to end a school year.

It's a pity then, because the headlines didn't necessarily have to happen. After all, the provincial education budget in 2011/12 is \$6.2 billion, up from \$6-billion last year; that includes a rise in operating expenses to almost \$5.9 billion (from \$5.6 billion).

But the extra money isn't expanding educational services. In large measure, that's because of past commitments on pensions and pay by the provincial government.

In 2007, the province assumed the teachers' share of a pre-1992 unfunded liability in the Teachers' Pension Plan. (Previous generations of teachers did not contribute enough to pay for the promised retirement benefits.) That deal wasn't cheap. This year, taxpayers will pay \$451 million for that assumed obligation (paid directly out of Finance ministry coffers), as well as \$299 million for post-1992 pension commitments (out of the education budget). That's \$750 million out of the province's total budget this year alone.

By assuming that pre-1992 liability, the government relieved teachers of a 3.1 per cent deduction from their paycheque. That along with a separate three per cent salary hike in 2007 meant teachers were effectively awarded a 6.1 per cent increase.

With subsequent raises, including a 2010 arbitration award, teacher salaries are forecast to be 21 per cent higher by 2012 when compared with 2007; the government notes that will be twice the rate of inflation over the same period. In addition, each teacher was also given a lump-sum \$1,500 pay-

ment in 2007 as part of the five-year deal.

Few would object to a pay raise for teachers (we all like higher pay). Also, the pension liability had to be dealt with somehow, though having taxpayers assume the entire pre-1992 liability was not the only option. The question is whether the magnitude of the 2007/12 deal was prudent, or fair to others who also have a claim on the public purse.

What's clear, or should be, is that present school board cuts must be placed in the context of a past deal sought by teachers and agreed to by the provincial government. Choices – a 21 per cent raise over five years and assumed pension liabilities – have consequences.

Sure, the province could transfer additional dollars from the Sustainability Fund into the education portfolio this budget year. But plenty of others also think the government should fund their sector with such cash. Plus, Alberta's past and present deficits will have produced total red ink of \$10.8 billion by 2013. So running down Alberta's savings accounts (or borrowing money) is just another way of asking the next generation to pay this generation's bills and obligations.

The government could raise taxes. But that's not a sensible option either. Long-term prosperity depends upon a growing economy; that, in turn, depends partly upon moderate tax levels. Besides, governments cannot, as some constantly advocate, raise taxes to pay for every public sector demand. It is entirely appropriate to ask governments to live within their (our) means.

Alberta's past pension deal highlights another significant problem: how defined pension benefit plans create severe liabilities for governments.

Defined benefit plans – where an employer promises specific benefit levels upon retirement – often run into

trouble decades after such promises are first made. (See General Motors in 2009 and its legacy costs, or several European governments and their public sector liabilities now.) In contrast, defined contribution plans, now widespread in the private sector, are a better alternative.

Insofar as the public sector is at issue, defined contribution plans (where an employer matches employee contributions to one's RRSP or another pension vehicle) obviously benefit taxpayers at large as long-term liabilities are not created.

But such contributory plans also benefit civil servants. Such funds are not dependent on government revenues for the eventual retirement benefits. Thus, in a worst-case scenario, as has occurred in some American states where public finances are a wreck, pension benefits that are instead derived from a defined contribution plan are not at risk.

Governments can move to defined contribution plans by grandfathering existing defined benefit schemes. They simply enroll new government employees in contributory accounts with matching contributions by the employer. Saskatchewan, under an NDP government, did just this with a portion of its public sector in the 1970s.

A shift to defined contributions away from defined benefit plans helps governments stabilize public sector pension costs and ends open-ended, expensive and risky commitments. There is then more room for other priorities. In education, that means school boards can retain existing teachers and other staff. That's the opposite of what's now happening because of past decisions on pay and pensions in the education sector.

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Commentary

Business, economics . . . and the Alberta Ballet?

Question: What does the economy have to do with ballet? Answer: Almost everything!

Last week, at the inaugural iF event of the Calgary Chamber of Commerce, the worlds of business and art collided in an amazing display of a city and a province that is starting to "get it."

This was no typical downtown Calgary business event. Sure, there were plenty of suits and ties in the audience (although the gala invitation suggested guests to "be creative" with their attire). But forget the bor-

ing business speeches. The artistic director of the Alberta Ballet, Jean Grand-Maitre, was the guest speaker. Excerpts of the Alberta Ballet's current production, *Fumbling Towards Ecstasy*, were performed. And dozens of aspiring young dancers pirouetted throughout the ballroom of the Hyatt Hotel to deliver the first course.

This is yet another example of how Alberta is changing – and changing in a good way.

Arts and culture are increasingly seen as an integral part of a growing, dynamic, global city. And

while last night's event was held in Calgary, it could just as easily have been in downtown Edmonton.

But what really made the iF event at the Calgary Chamber of Commerce unique is that it wasn't a pitch for supporting the arts. It was an event with a simple message: arts are every bit as vital to a city as is a dynamic economy. In fact, the two go hand-in-hand.

In his speech to the Chamber audience, Jean Grand-Maitre Grand-Maitre urged those at the dinner to be part of something beyond themselves – part of something bigger. "It

adds dimension to your life!"

In no small part, this is the role of the arts and culture in our society: helping people connect with others, with their community, and with parts of themselves that they may be discovering for the first time. It is, essentially, being part of something bigger. "Embracing arts will help the city move into a 21st century vision of Calgary in the international community."

Adam Legge, the President of the Calgary Chamber of Commerce, gets it. In his wrap-up words towards the

end the evening, he observed that the role of the city is not to simply provide arts (or sports, or commerce), and certainly not just to pay for it. Rather, the role of a city – a GREAT city – is to provide a setting in which all things possible. A great city is one in which the pursuit of excellence – in art, sport, health care, transportation, caring for the vulnerable, and YES, in business – is made possible. But it's up to the citizens of the great city to make them happen.

Arts and culture, then, have much more in common with business. Both

are pursuing excellence. And both are essential in Alberta if the province is to grow into its potential for the 21st century. This is not about nice-to-haves. It's not about special interests. And it's not a nasty, greedy fight about how tax dollars should (or shouldn't) be spent.

Regardless of whether it's in the ballet studio, the sports arena, or the downtown boardroom, we're all asked to participate in building cities and communities of excellence!

Todd Hirsch is senior economist with ATB Financial.



TOWN OF DIDSBURY

PUBLIC MEETINGS

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday June 28, 2011 at 7:00 pm
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING: Tuesday June 14, 2011 at 7:00 pm
MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION: Wednesday June 8, 2011 at 4:30 pm
LIFELINE SOCIETY REGULAR MEETING: Monday June 13 at 10:00 am
Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office.

ROLLOUT CART PICK UP SCHEDULE

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NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

DP 11-27	25 Sandpiper Drive	Single Family Dwelling w/attached garage and deck	R2
DP 11-28	34 Bluebird Drive	Single Family Dwelling w/attached garage and deck	R2
HO 11-04	2117 – 12 Avenue	Home Occupation – Quilting Shop	R2

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 – 19 Avenue or by calling 403.335.3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on June 14, 2011.

Dani Woodman – Development Officer

HERITAGE INVENTORY TASK FORCE/ HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Town of Didsbury is creating a Heritage Advisory Committee to participate in heritage initiatives within the community and to assist with completing the Town of Didsbury Heritage Inventory which is being conducted in 2011.

Heritage Advisory Committee members will be required to attend evening meetings and possibly afternoon workshops related to the Heritage Inventory.

If you would like to serve on the Heritage Advisory Committee, please send a letter stating your interest to the address below by 12:00 pm Monday, June 6, 2011 to

Town of Didsbury
Box 790, 2037–19 Avenue, Didsbury, Alberta T0M 0W0
Attention: CynDee Walden, Corporate Resources Coordinator
Email: ecdev@didsbury.ca Fax: 403.335.9794

DEPARTMENT PHONE NUMBERS

Town Office: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm	403.335.3391
Public Works: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm	403.335.8343
Didsbury Information Line	403.335.2030
Town of Didsbury after hours pager	403.507.3624
Planning & Infrastructure	403.335.3391
Didsbury Neighborhood Place, Community Services & FCSS	403.335.8719
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Arena and Complex Rentals	403.335.7369
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For more information please call Didsbury Neighborhood Place at 403.335.8719.

2011 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION NOTICES

Notices have been mailed May 13, 2011

Taxes are due on June 30, 2011 and 1st penalty applies July 1, 2011

NOTE: due date for **ANNEXED PROPERTIES ONLY** is September 15, 2011

If you have not received your Property Assessment & Taxation Notice by May 25, 2011 contact the Tax Department at 403.335.7354.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Town of Didsbury is currently accepting applications for:

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For more details about these positions and how to apply, please go to: www.didsbury.ca/town/careers.

Family shares the racing jones

BY SYLVIA COLE
Review Staff

Flying down the road at 100 miles an hour on a two-lane highway with long straights, twisty sections and dips, is a rush a Didsbury family looks forward to twice a year.

"In the summer of '78 my Dad bought me this car," said Paul Scott of his 1972 Ford Mustang that he still owns and races 33 years later.

Scott, who loves to race, heads to Nevada each year, sometimes twice, to compete in the Silver State Classic, a 90-mile race along Highway 318 from Nye County to Lincoln County and has placed second and third over the years.

But his trips down south

aren't made alone. He drives the 1,200 mile trip with family members — his sister, and now also his son who've taken up the adrenalin-rushing sport.

"It was his first year racing last year," he said of his son, Emerson, who came in third. "And he also won first at the Calgary Vintage Racing Club," in an August event.

The two picked up the old 1973 Ford Mustang Mach 1 from an owner out near Balzac for \$300 and transformed the car into a sleek, gothic style racer. "Emerson designed the look and went with the concept of the old hot rod with a gothic style," he said, explaining that racing goes hand in hand with working on the cars.

Over the May 13 to 15 weekend Scott went down with his son, sister Lynn Croft and friends Jerry Schmidt, Terry Wright and Brian Duncan.

Brian Duncan came in third. The group also went down in September, as the race is offered twice a year.

Emerson placed third and Duncan first. In 2009, Croft won first, making all of their cars, trophy cars.

The group drives the cars down and hasn't had any car troubles yet. Scott said on the last trip, they pulled over to the side of the road for a break, and had a hard time getting back on the road.

"People were just coming up to us, wanting to check out our cars and take pictures."



photo submitted

From left: Lynn Croft, Terry Wright, Paul Scott, Gary Derksen, Brian Duncan, Erin Duncan, Emerson Scott and Jesse Duncan pose en route to the Silver State Open Road Race in Nevada. The group try and travel together for the twice-yearly event.

Car craze drives new club

BY JOSH SKAPIN
Review Staff

Dwight Toews is a self-proclaimed car nut.

The Carstairs man's gusto for well-made machines has existed since he was a little one. But Toews has discovered that in Carstairs, he's not the only one. In fact, there are many local people who own and love high-end vehicles. That enthusiasm fuelled Toews' motivation to found and build a new club for car

lovers.

In 20 minutes, Toews sketched a poster and photocopied it, posting it in various spots across Carstairs, Crossfield, Didsbury and Olds. He called the group Fuel Junkies and invited interested people to Bruce's Machine Shop in Carstairs.

"I thought 'we'll see how it goes,'" Toews said.

On that first night in late March, 27 people showed up.

"It seemed that there were a lot of guys who wanted to do something like that out here."

The club continues to meet at the same location, every second Wednesday.

Since Toews' hand-drawn poster, the club has upped its profile. Toews credits the efforts of club administrator Lynn Strawson, who has been the brains behind the Fuel Junkies website, Facebook group, blog and Twitter account.

"We have a vast area of cars, motorcycles and boats," Toews said of the Fuel Junkies membership, adding that they range from vehicles in the 1920s to the 2010s.

In addition to the club's vehicles being a wide range of ages, so are its members — with its youngest being 19 years old and oldest in his 60s.

"I want the young guys to learn from the older people

and I want the older people to learn stuff from young people," Toews said.

"Both groups can learn from each other. We want to open up people's minds."

Toews said one function of the club will be for members to help each other out with work needing to be done on each other's vehicles.

"Say, someone has something they want done on their car. Guys can just jump on one guy's car," Toews added.

While the club was built on a love for cars, it also exists to benefit the community, Toews said. Fuel Junkies will be hosting its first ever show and shine at the Westview Co-op parking lot June 17 9 a.m.-4p.m. — an event that will raise funds for new school playground equipment. Toews said the club will also be participating in other fundraising events, such as poker runs, for the purpose of bringing in funds for Carstairs initiatives.

"We want to show that we are here to help out the community," he said.

"We're behind the whole town and the community, and we're trying to get things done."

The club's next meeting is June 8.

Those looking for more information on the club are encouraged to visit <http://www.fueljunkies-carclub.com>



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Dwight Toews with his hot rod at his home just outside of Didsbury.

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Thank you also to the many volunteers who worked so hard leading up to and during this year's banquet. Because of the generosity of our sponsors and the hard work of our volunteers, we were able to have a very successful event this year! Thank you!



Westerdale baseball is back

Westerdale baseball team is back after taking a one-year hiatus due to low numbers.

"We took a licking for the first game," said coach Ed Krebs of the 14 peeewee level players during their first game early on in May. "First game they were learning again since they hadn't played in a couple of years but I'm confident the season will go well."

Last year the Westerdale team folded into the local association because there weren't enough players to form. Many of the players turned to Calgary or Sundre, and some went to Didsbury.

This season, 11 original players returned with three new ones joining as well. They're playing in the provincial league with seven weekend tournaments.

So far Westerdale has lost two games and won three.

The group will host a tournament July 2 and 3.

-S.C.



FANCY FOOT WORK • Didsbury U14 girls player Emma Hatcher goes for the ball during Didsbury's game against Cremona on May 24.

YETTI-NOTHER WIN • To left: The Yetti's defeated the Calgary Rockies in Junior B Tier 2 play Saturday night with a score of 14-12. Reid Swier scored 5 goals Sawyer Gervais scored 3 goals and 3 assists. Will Hadway of Didsbury had 2 assists, Curtis Frank, Tyler Bell (2 assists), Ty Severtson (2 assists), Brandyn Blain, Stuart Bell, and Ryan McColm (4 assists) all scored singles Spencer Wilkie had 2 assists, and Cole Schmidt had 2 assists

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Sunday Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: Mike Nimz
For more information ph. - 403-335-4451

St. Anthony's Catholic
2030 - 24 Ave. Didsbury
For more information please contact
Claude Baril 403-335-3842
Catholic Women's League:
Maxine Moreau 403-335-4948
Knights of Columbus: Gary McNeil 403-335-8611

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Holy Communion 1 & 3 Sunday 10:30 a.m.
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Zion Evangelical Missionary Church
Corner Hwy 382 & 20th Ave.
Phone: 403-335-3629 Web: www.zemc.org
Mike Morgan, Senior Pastor
John Reimer, Associate Pastor (Life Groups & Worship)
Colin Creighton, Associate Pastor (Global Connections & Youth)
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Didsbury resident nominated for award

BY JOSH SKAPIN
Review Staff

Didsbury's Tyson young has been nominated for an Alberta Education award honouring first-year teachers. Last week, Chinook's Edge School Division announced that Youngs is its candidate for the Edwin Parr award.

"I just love teaching, so I was definitely floored to hear about this nomination," said Youngs, Cremona School teacher.

"I am extremely honoured that people think highly of my work, because I'm just doing what I love to do."

According to Youngs, his passion for teaching comes from the relationships he builds with his students.

"Getting to know them and saying good morning every day is the reason I get up each morning," Youngs added.

"Even with the stress and all the extra time, I'm happy in the classroom and I can't imagine doing anything else."

Building strong relationships is the key to Tyson's success, said Tracy Edwards, Cremona School principal.

"He is teaching at all levels - elementary, middle and



TYSON YOUNGS

high school - and is completely connected with all those kids," Edwards said.

"He takes the time to get to know all of his students, and then discovers how best

to engage each one of them in their learning.

"He is even working with some of our experienced teachers to share his relationship skills, because he just has such success."

Edwards adds that Youngs has amazing school pride and school spirit.

"He's a person any school would want on staff and we're lucky to have him," she said.

After graduating from Didsbury High School, Youngs took a year off to travel Australia. Upon his return to Alberta, he studied education at the University of Lethbridge.

Chinook's Edge also considered Danielle Lapointe of École Steffie Woima Elementary School in Sylvan Lake and Cody Pivert of École Innisfail Middle School for the nomination.

Division principal Lee Tipman, whose role it is to evaluate new teachers throughout the division said choosing the Edwin Parr candidate was difficult this year, as all three finalists have remarkable talents.

"The quality of teaching, enthusiasm and passion that I have witnessed in each of their classrooms this year has been extreme-

ly gratifying," Tipman said.

"Tyson's ability to connect with students of all ages and all skill levels is quite incredible, especially considering this is his first year of teaching. Combined with his passion for teaching and his expertise in providing his students with a very engaging, highly interactive learning environment, Tyson is an impressive Edwin Parr candidate for Chinook's Edge School Division."

The Edwin Parr Award will be announced at a Government of Alberta event at the end of May.



SUPREME PLACING - Ryan Hunter, of the West Didsbury 4-H club was named supreme reserve champion for his Angus steer.

Policing

Continued from p8

"It's very evident in the way you guys do your business already."

While discussions between the interested municipalities may continue over the summer, their next formal meeting will be

this October.

One discussion point may be where the main detachment will be.

"If the provincial court is in Didsbury - is it more logical to have your main hub there?" Colby asked during the meeting.

"Or with Olds having a nice, new station is it better to do that? I think those are

things that we can discuss amongst us."

Colby said it's important for towns to start looking at these sorts of ideas now.

"I think this is a good discussion," he said.

"It's better to do this now than to wait. For us, we're building together in our region. We're trying to do more stuff together."

Dramatic group performs

BY SYLVIA COLE
Review Staff

A group of Didsbury theatre students finished their year with a production of *The Terrible Gypsy Malla* last Thursday at the multi purpose room.

"Theatre gives people the opportunity not to be afraid and to step out and do what they want," said teacher Cali Beazley at the performance.

This was her first year teaching the class through Top Notes Music. The kids, aged 5 to 11, took a series of classes focusing on drama and improv.

She was also at the high school late last year working with students after school to put on the production of *A Christmas Carol*.

"Drama isn't something you always see in a rural community and it's important. It helps grow self-esteem and build confidence."

The group of seven students has finished its sea-

son for the year. Beazley said if there's enough inter-

est, the course will run again next year.



Sylvia Cole/Didsbury Review

ACTION - Carson Dussault and Megan McDonald act out a scene of the *Terrible Gypsy Malla* Thursday.

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Police briefs

BY SYLVIA COLE

Man falls 40 feet

A Carstairs man was flown to Calgary with serious injuries over the weekend after having fallen 40 feet from a cherry picker. The 64-year-old male was in the basket cutting trees down when a tree fell on the arm of the boom, causing it to tip over. A male on the ground was taken to the Didsbury Hospital with minor injuries and released. The man flown to the hospital in Calgary had multiple breaks to his left leg and ankle; both arms were broken as well as his hip and he suffered major trauma to his face.



submitted by Shannon McDowell

A man was hospitalized with serious injuries following an accident involving a cherry picker at a Carstairs residence.

Prescription forms stolen from medical centre

Computers, medication and prescription forms were stolen from the Didsbury Medical Clinic at Victoria Square Mall last week. Sometime between May 23 at 10 p.m. and Tuesday morning, unknown subjects broke into the mall and then into the medical centre. "People tend to want to steal them (forms). Narcotics on site are usually limited or locked up. So the easiest way to get it is to take the prescription forms and print them off themselves," said Cpl. Warren Wright. Red Deer Forensic Identification was brought in to help collect evidence. Local pharmacies were made aware of the stolen prescription forms and to watch out for them.

Road Safety Week finishes

May 16 to 23 was Canada Road Safety Week and police were out patrolling roads in the area. A total of 20 speeding tickets and six seatbelt infractions were handed out. Four charges associated with aggressive driving were laid. Aggressive driving is determined as driving 40 kilometres over speed limit. The highest noted was 70 kilometres over the limit from someone driving 100 km/h through a 30km/hr zone in Cremona. Six roadside suspensions for impaired driving by drug or alcohol were issued over the weekend.

Home broken into

A Carstairs home was broken into sometime between May 18 at 11:30 p.m. and the following morning at 9:30. The front door was broken to gain entry and the residence was rummaged through. Identification including a passport was taken as was jewelry and cash. Police continue to investigate. The house is located on Stone Haven Drive.

Unlocked cars rummaged through

Two unlocked vehicles parked along Westhill Close in Didsbury were rummaged through between May 21 at 10 p.m. and 8 a.m. the next morning. Only a small amount of change was taken. Police are reminding residents to keep their doors locked and to remove any valuables. Notices will be sent out with utility bills to encourage people to lock up. "We want people to know this is an issue and they can prevent victimization by taking these steps," said Jacobson.

Car hood walked on

Someone ran over the hood of a red Sunfire parked along the 2100 block of 19th Avenue in Didsbury between the night of May 20 and early the next morning. Dents in the hood were observed, causing minor damage.

May long sees fraction of usual campers

May long weekend was unusually quiet for police who were out patrolling the Burnt Timber area, a popular camping location during the weekend.

Police estimate about 500 people were setting up camp compared with the usual turnout of 2,000 to 6,000. Weather, fire bans and cost of gas were probable reasons, explained police.

"There were some drug seizures – not nearly as many as in past years ... the majority was marijuana," said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson. He said there were also numerous reports that someone had been going through campsite areas and stealing purses and wallets. Anything of value was snatched before they were tossed into nearby bushes.



photo submitted.

May Long Campers had some trouble departing the Burnt Timber recreation area after rain came Sunday afternoon. Dry firm ground turned into quickly into soft greasy mud.

High school tops 2010 earnings

BY SYLVIA COLE
Review Staff

For the second year in a row, Didsbury High School Grade 9 class took the win for raising the most money during the May Monarch.

The announcement was made during the school's dance last Thursday night and the Grade 9s raced to their Monarch queen and king to share in a celebra-

tory group hug and cheer.

"Last year it was the first time the Grade 9s earned the most money," said Janet Wilkinson, who explained typically the older grades bring in more dough. The grade 9s earned \$7,780 during the second week of May when they were hired by residents and groups within the community looking to get odd jobs done.

The money raised will go towards helping subsidize grad, yearbooks, dance, athletics and other causes.

In total, \$23,218 was raised, up from last year's \$22,829.77.

The Grade 10 class, the winners from last year, came in second place earning \$7,391. Grade 11s came next with \$5,226 and Grade 12s with \$2,820.



Sylvia Cole/Didsbury Review

MAY MONARCH - Didsbury High School Grade 9 class won first overall for raising money during the second week of May. As part of their annual May Monarch, students were hired by groups in town to do odd jobs. In total, \$23,218 was raised.



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In and Around Didsbury

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Thurs., June 2

This is seniors' afternoon after 1:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall (train station). Are you celebrating your birthday this month? You will enjoy birthday cake with the refreshments served.

Thurs., June 2

This is games night at Rosebud Hall starting at 7:00 p.m. Bring your favourite games and snacks to share and enjoy!

Sat., June 4

You are in for a great evening of entertainment tonight in the MP Room at the Complex when the Didsbury High School showcases a "Big Band Extravaganza". Cocktails at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., and dance at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale at Pharmasave, Victoria's Flowers, and from the band students. All proceeds will go to support the DHS Band Society and the trip to London, England in 2012.

Sun., June 5

At 10:30 a.m. at St. Cyprian's Anglican Church, the Rev. Derek Hoskin, Bishop from Calgary, will be in attendance. A potluck dinner will follow the service. Everyone welcome. If you need more info, please phone Yvonne Ormson at (403) 335-3006.

Wed., June 8

You are invited to the 5-0 Club (50+ years) for the final dinner of the season, starting at 5:00 p.m. with everything supplied. Enjoy!

Thurs., June 9

The Didsbury & District Senior Support Services group is hosting the annual "Salute to Seniors" afternoon in the MP Room at the Complex at 1:30 p.m. Free admission, entertainment, lunch, door prizes. Do you need a ride? Please phone the office (403) 335-4391. Seniors' afternoons will start up again in September.

Tues., June 14

The Mountain View Christian Women's Breakfast is being held at the Redeemer Lutheran Church gym at 9:30 a.m. Special feature, music, and speaker. Please reserve your seat by phoning Ann (403) 335-8444 or Vicki (403) 335-3500. Free babysitting.

Wed., June 15

Connie's Foot Care will be at the 5-0 Club. Please phone (403) 861-7826 for an appointment.

Thurs., June 16

You are invited to the Engagement Site at the Didsbury High School from 7-8 p.m. and again on Thurs., June 23 for information on special topics. Sharon at (403) 335-7285 has all the details.

Fri., June 17

Be sure you phone Tom (403) 518-6247 to reserve your seat on the Didsbury Community Bus day trip to visit the Valley View Hutterite Colony near Torrington. Have lunch and a complete tour of the facilities. The bus will leave the Complex at 10:30 a.m. and return at approximately 3:45 p.m.

Sat., June 18

The Didsbury Lions Club Annual Soap-Box Derby is being held today starting at Reimer International parking lot, Bypass Road 582 and 15 Avenue, 8 a.m. Junior class 8-12 years, Senior class 13-18 years, Open class 18+ years.

Registration and info - Allan (403) 801-4697. Kits call George (403) 335-4482.

Sat., June 18

As the saying goes, "as I live and breathe". We are very fortunate to be able to do this. It is not that way for Ron Becker of Didsbury. Ron is waiting for a call from Edmonton's U of A Hospital at any time for a double lung transplant. After the surgery and Ron is discharged from the hospital, he MUST remain in Edmonton under the care of the medical team for another 3-6 months. Verna will be staying with Ron and will be taking a leave of absence from her work. During this time they will keep their home in Didsbury, but they must also find suitable accommodations in Edmonton while Ron is recuperating. Ron and Verna need your help to cover these expenses.

Join us at the Becker Benefit Dinner and Auction to meet Ron and Verna, enjoy a meal and participate in the live and silent auctions. Tickets for the Becker Benefit Dinner and Auction are on sale at Didsbury Pharmasave, Front Porch Realty and Didsbury Value Drug Mart. Tickets must be purchased no later than Mon., June 13; no tickets at the door. To donate items for the auction, please phone Marvel (403) 335-0097, Doris (403) 335-4844. This is being held at Zion Evangelical Missionary Church: 4:00 p.m. - Silent Auction Opens, 5:30 p.m. - Dinner, 6:30 p.m. - Live Auction.

Sun., June 19

Happy Father's Day to All. You are invited to a free family swim from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. and then come to a Family BBQ at Rosebud Hall starting at 4:00 p.m.

Didsbury couple awarded horse people of the year

BY SYLVIA COLE
Review Staff

Jack and Linda Johnson were surprised and honoured to hear their names called for the Horseperson of the Year award during the Alberta Thoroughbred Awards night earlier this month.

"It was surprising," said Linda who explained the award isn't typically given out to a couple. The two, who attend the awards night every year, weren't told they'd be receiving it.

"This is our life and our livelihood. It's paid our bills," she said of their involvement with horses.

The two live just outside of Didsbury and run Peaceful Valley Stables and have raised and sold thoroughbred horses for years. The Ken Cohoe Trophy they won is given out to people in the Alberta thoroughbred-racing world who have demonstrated a lifelong personal involvement and dedication to the love of the thoroughbred horse. That night one of the horses they had bred and sold won the Champion Sprinter and Champion Alberta-bred award.

"It's hard to retire," said Jack of the job that he's been doing for forty years and plans to continue.

"It's like getting up and

coming down for breakfast; it's just something you do," said Linda of the work that's become second nature to them.

The stables have been Jack's home and the centre of his work for his entire life. The farm has been in the family since the early 1900s and a small two-room cabin on the property is where he was born.

He has been a Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society member since 1964 and a director since 1993. He's been a judge at many horse shows and 4-H events in Didsbury.

Linda became more involved with horses after meeting Jack. She has delivered almost a thousand foals at Peaceful Valley Stables and makes

sure every foal is halter broke and leaves with some manners.

"I love watching them grow," she said of going out and visiting them when they're first born and seeing only ears stick up over the gate, and then a while later seeing the tops of their heads. Before long they're grown with their full face sticking out.



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Jack Johnston winks at the camera as he and his wife Linda, accept the Horseperson of the Year award from Gordon Wilson, President of the Alberta division of the Canadian Thoroughbred Horse Society during the Alberta Thoroughbred Awards night, May 14.

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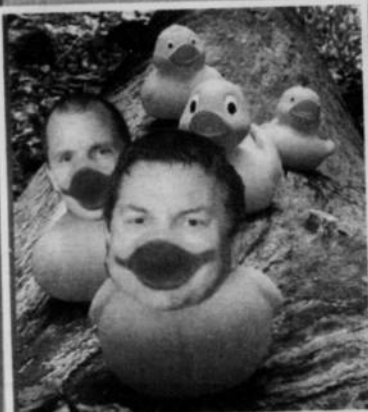


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